

## MEDICATION GUIDE

# STRATTERA<sup>®</sup> (Stra-TAIR-a) (atomoxetine hydrochloride)

Read the Medication Guide that comes with STRATTERA<sup>®</sup> before you or your child starts taking it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This Medication Guide does not take the place of talking to your doctor about your treatment or your child's treatment with STRATTERA.

### **What is the most important information I should know about STRATTERA?**

The following have been reported with use of STRATTERA:

#### **1. Suicidal thoughts and actions in children and teenagers:**

Children and teenagers sometimes think about suicide, and many report trying to kill themselves. Results from STRATTERA clinical studies with over 2200 child or teenage ADHD patients suggest that some children and teenagers may have a higher chance of having suicidal thoughts or actions. Although no suicides occurred in these studies, 4 out of every 1000 patients developed suicidal thoughts. Tell your child or teenager's doctor if your child or teenager (or there is a family history of):

- has bipolar illness (manic-depressive illness)
- had suicide thoughts or actions before starting STRATTERA

The chance for suicidal thoughts and actions may be higher:

- early during STRATTERA treatment
- during dose adjustments

Prevent suicidal thoughts and action in your child or teenager by:

- paying close attention to your child or teenager's moods, behaviors, thoughts, and feelings during STRATTERA treatment
- keeping all follow-up visits with your child or teenager's doctor as scheduled

Watch for the following signs in your child or teenager during STRATTERA treatment:

- anxiety
- agitation
- panic attacks
- trouble sleeping
- irritability
- hostility
- aggressiveness
- impulsivity
- restlessness
- mania
- depression
- suicide thoughts

41 **Call your child or teenager's doctor right away if they have any of the above signs,**  
 42 **especially if they are new, sudden, or severe.** Your child or teenager may need to be closely  
 43 watched for suicidal thoughts and actions or need a change in medicine.

#### 44 **2. Severe liver damage:**

45 **STRATTERA can cause liver injury in some patients. Call your doctor right away if you**  
 46 **or your child has the following signs of liver problems:**

- 47 • itching
- 48 • right upper belly pain
- 49 • dark urine
- 50 • yellow skin or eyes
- 51 • unexplained flu-like symptoms

#### 52 **3. Heart-related problems:**

- 53 • **sudden death in patients who have heart problems or heart defects**
- 54 • **stroke and heart attack in adults**
- 55 • **increased blood pressure and heart rate**

56 Tell your doctor if you or your child has any heart problems, heart defects, high blood  
 57 pressure, or a family history of these problems. Your doctor should check you or your child  
 58 carefully for heart problems before starting STRATTERA.

59 Your doctor should check your blood pressure or your child's blood pressure and heart rate  
 60 regularly during treatment with STRATTERA.

61 **Call your doctor right away if you or your child has any signs of heart problems such as**  
 62 **chest pain, shortness of breath, or fainting while taking STRATTERA.**

#### 63 **4. New mental (psychiatric) problems in children and teenagers:**

- 64 • new psychotic symptoms (such as hearing voices, believing things that are not true, being  
 65 suspicious) or new manic symptoms

66 **Call your child or teenager's doctor right away about any new mental symptoms** because  
 67 adjusting or stopping STRATTERA treatment may need to be considered.

#### 68 **What Is STRATTERA?**

69 STRATTERA is a selective norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor medicine. It is used for the  
 70 treatment of attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). STRATTERA may help  
 71 increase attention and decrease impulsiveness and hyperactivity in patients with ADHD.

72 STRATTERA should be used as a part of a total treatment program for ADHD that may  
 73 include counseling or other therapies.

74 STRATTERA has not been studied in children less than 6 years old.

#### 75 **Who should not take STRATTERA?**

76 **STRATTERA should not be taken if you or your child:**

- 77 • are taking or have taken within the past 14 days an anti-depression medicine called a  
 78 monoamine oxidase inhibitor or MAOI. Some names of MAOI medicines are Nardil<sup>®</sup>  
 79 (phenelzine sulfate), Parnate<sup>®</sup> (tranylcypromine sulfate) and Emsam<sup>®</sup> (selegiline transdermal  
 80 system).
- 81 • have an eye problem called narrow angle glaucoma
- 82 • are allergic to anything in STRATTERA. See the end of this Medication Guide for a  
 83 complete list of ingredients.

84 **STRATTERA may not be right for you or your child. Before starting STRATTERA tell**  
 85 **your doctor or your child's doctor about all health conditions (or a family history of)**  
 86 **including:**

- 87 • have or had suicide thoughts or actions
- 88 • heart problems, heart defects, irregular heart beat, high blood pressure, or low blood pressure
- 89 • mental problems, psychosis, mania, bipolar illness, or depression
- 90 • liver problems

91 Tell your doctor if you or your child is pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or  
 92 breastfeeding.

### 93 **Can STRATTERA be taken with other medicines?**

94 **Tell your doctor about all the medicines that you or your child takes including**  
 95 **prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.**  
 96 STRATTERA and some medicines may interact with each other and cause serious side effects.  
 97 Your doctor will decide whether STRATTERA can be taken with other medicines.

98 **Especially tell your doctor if you or your child takes:**

- 99 • asthma medicines
- 100 • anti-depression medicines including MAOIs
- 101 • blood pressure medicines
- 102 • cold or allergy medicines that contain decongestants

103 Know the medicines that you or your child takes. Keep a list of your medicines with you to  
 104 show your doctor and pharmacist.

105 **Do not start any new medicine while taking STRATTERA without talking to your doctor**  
 106 **first.**

### 107 **How should STRATTERA be taken?**

- 108 • **Take STRATTERA exactly as prescribed. STRATTERA comes in different dose**  
 109 **strength capsules.** Your doctor may adjust the dose until it is right for you or your child.
- 110 • **Do not chew, crush, or open the capsules.** Swallow STRATTERA capsules whole with  
 111 water or other liquids. Tell your doctor if you or your child cannot swallow STRATTERA  
 112 whole. A different medicine may need to be prescribed.
- 113 • Avoid touching a broken STRATTERA capsule. Wash hands and surfaces that touched an  
 114 open STRATTERA capsule. If any of the powder gets in your eyes or your child's eyes,  
 115 rinse them with water right away and call your doctor.
- 116 • STRATTERA can be taken with or without food.
- 117 • STRATTERA is usually taken once or twice a day. Take STRATTERA at the same time  
 118 each day to help you remember. If you miss a dose of STRATTERA, take it as soon as you  
 119 remember that day. If you miss a day of STRATTERA, do not double your dose the next  
 120 day. Just skip the day you missed.
- 121 • From time to time, your doctor may stop STRATTERA treatment for a while to check  
 122 ADHD symptoms.
- 123 • Your doctor may do regular checks of the blood, heart, and blood pressure while taking  
 124 STRATTERA. Children should have their height and weight checked often while taking  
 125 STRATTERA. STRATTERA treatment may be stopped if a problem is found during these  
 126 check-ups.
- 127 • **If you or your child takes too much STRATTERA or overdoses, call your doctor or**  
 128 **poison control center right away, or get emergency treatment.**

### 129 **What are possible side effects of STRATTERA?**

130 See “**What is the most important information I should know about STRATTERA?**” for  
 131 information on reported suicidal thoughts and actions, other mental problems, severe liver  
 132 damage, and heart problems.

133 **Other serious side effects include:**

- 134 • serious allergic reactions (call your doctor if you have trouble breathing, see swelling or
- 135 hives, or experience other allergic reactions)
- 136 • slowing of growth (height and weight) in children
- 137 • problems passing urine including
  - 138 • trouble starting or keeping a urine stream
  - 139 • cannot fully empty the bladder

140 **Common side effects in children and teenagers include:**

- 141 • upset stomach
- 142 • decreased appetite
- 143 • nausea or vomiting
- 144 • dizziness
- 145 • tiredness
- 146 • mood swings

147 **Common side effects in adults include:**

- 148 • constipation
- 149 • dry mouth
- 150 • nausea
- 151 • decreased appetite
- 152 • dizziness
- 153 • trouble sleeping
- 154 • sexual side effects
- 155 • menstrual cramps
- 156 • problems passing urine

157 **Other information for children, teenagers, and adults:**

- 158 • Erections that won’t go away (priapism) have occurred rarely during treatment with
- 159 STRATTERA. If you have an erection that lasts more than 4 hours, seek medical help right
- 160 away. Because of the potential for lasting damage, including the potential inability to have
- 161 erections, priapism should be evaluated by a doctor immediately.
- 162 • STRATTERA may affect your ability or your child’s ability to drive or operate heavy
- 163 machinery. Be careful until you know how STRATTERA affects you or your child.
- 164 • Talk to your doctor if you or your child has side effects that are bothersome or do not go
- 165 away.

166 This is not a complete list of possible side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice about  
 167 side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

168 **How should I store STRATTERA?**

- 169 • Store STRATTERA in a safe place at room temperature, 59 to 86°F (15 to 30°C).
- 170 • **Keep STRATTERA and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

171 **General information about STRATTERA**

172 Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication  
 173 Guide. Do not use STRATTERA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give  
 174 STRATTERA to other people, even if they have the same condition. It may harm them.

175 This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about STRATTERA. If  
 176 you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist

177 for information about STRATTERA that was written for healthcare professionals. For more  
178 information about STRATTERA call 1-800-Lilly-Rx (1-800-545-5979) or visit  
179 [www.strattera.com](http://www.strattera.com).

### 180 **What are the ingredients in STRATTERA?**

181 **Active ingredient:** atomoxetine hydrochloride.

182 **Inactive ingredients:** pregelatinized starch, dimethicone, gelatin, sodium lauryl sulfate, FD&C  
183 Blue No. 2, synthetic yellow iron oxide, titanium dioxide, red iron oxide, and edible black ink.

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